Strike by PSU Workers

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to State:

(a) whether the workers of the Public Sector Undertakings all over the country went on a day's strike on 2nd February, 2000 in response to a call by the major Central Trade Unions; and

(b) if so, what are their demands and what measures were taken by Government to avert the strike and with what result?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Workers of some Public Sector Undertakings observed a one day strike on February, 2, 2000 in response to a call by three Central Trade Unions, viz., All India Trade Union Congress, Centre of Indian Trade Unions and Hind Mazdoor Sabha.

(b) The strike notice of the trade unions was against all forms of privatisation and disinvestment, non-revival and closure of sick PSUs, Non-payment of wages in many PSUs, guidelines of DPE on wage revision, alleged attack on trade union rights and labour laws. The Minister of Labour met all the aggrieved central trade unions on 29.1.2000 and 1.2.2000 and appealed to them not to go on strike.

The issue was also discussed at the highest level in the Govt. A Group of Minister has been reconstituted to go into various issues relating to CPSU's.